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Lady Death has endured much since being made mortal and transported to contemporary Earth, and triumphed despite the loss of the majority of her powers. But now, for the fate of the girl she has vowed to protect and her ghostly friend Virgil, she must face the greatest threat of all...



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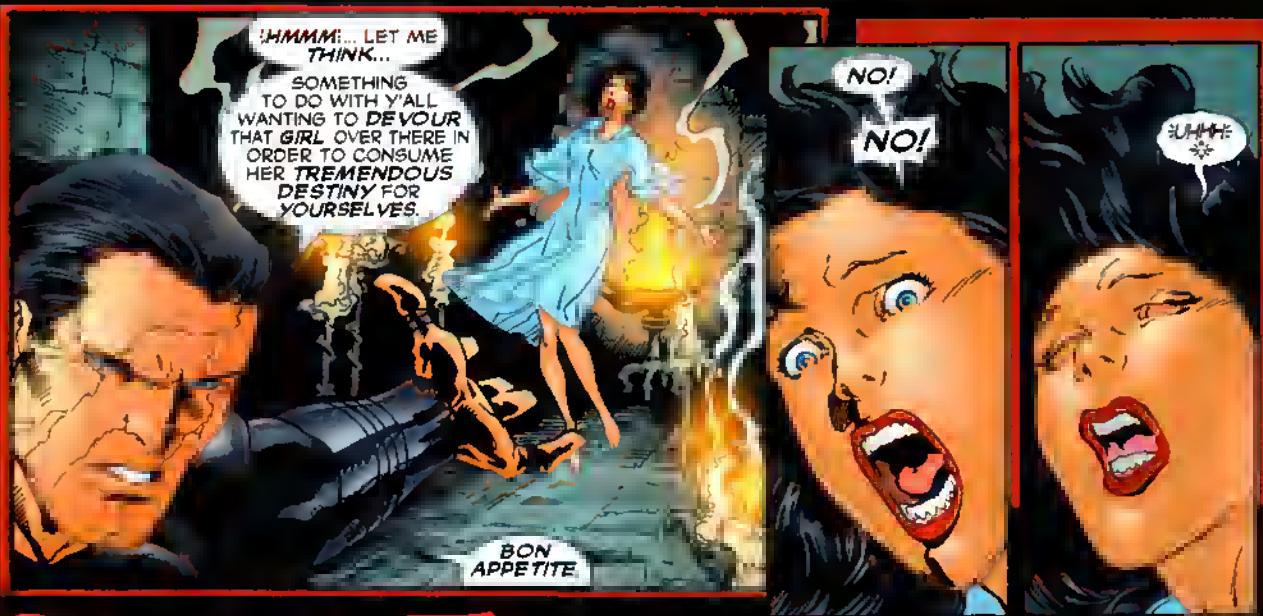


...AMIDST EXPERIMENTS THAT FAILED TOO MANY TIMES, TRANSFORMATIONS THAT WERE TOO HARD TO FIND...

BUT NOW, AT LAST... I AM THE ONE YOU WARNED ME OF!

BRINGERS OF THE STARRY WISDOM --





NO!
NO!

UHHEE



And how do you fare in combat against fallen goddesses...
... for her protector, Lady Death, must be slain.



GOD, I
LOVE THIS
JOB.

HUHAAH

MISS
SARAH, I
THINK IT'S SAFE
TO SAY YOU AND I
ARE GOING TO GET
TO KNOW EACH
OTHER QUITE
WELL.

YOU'VE
GOT ME
UUUUDER YOUR
SKIN...

:GH-HAAK:
:HAAAGHK:
:GHUK:

SHAAARRGGH!

NO POINT
IN FIGHTING IT,
SARAH DEAR.

THAT'S
DARK
MATTER.

IT'S NOT
LIKE ANYTHING
YOU'VE EVER
IMAGINED -

- BUT IT MAKES
UP ABOUT 90% OF
THE MASS IN THE
UNIVERSE.

AND IT
DOES WHAT
I TELL IT
TO...



:GASP:

DID YOU FEEL
THAT? A WAVE OF
TERRIBLE BLACKNESS,
SHUDDERING THROUGH
THE CITY LIKE AN
EXPLOSION.

THOUGH MEMORIES
OF MY PREVIOUS
EXISTENCE ARE DIM,
I FEEL CERTAIN
THAT I'VE NEVER
ENCOUNTERED
THE LIKE...

OH, I FELT
IT ALRIGHT... WHAT I
WANNA KNOW IS WHEN
I'M GONNA STOP FEELING IT.

LISTEN...
OUTSIDE!

MAN, I
WOULDN'T WANNA
BE WHERE THEY'RE
ALL HEADED RIGHT
NOW...

THE CITY'S
ASTRAL WILDLIFE
HAS BEEN DRIVEN INTO
A SWARMING
FRENZY!

YOU
WILL SOON
FOLLOW THEM!
QUICKLY!

BY THE ABYSS!

GOT NO IDEA WHAT THAT'S ABOUT, BUT IT DON'T TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO FIGURE IT FOR BAD, BAD MOJO.



THE ASTRAL VERMIN SEEM TO ALL BE DRAWN TO THE SAME PLACE.

THERE! YOU SEE IT?

IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES THAT SUGGEST THAT SOMETHING EXTREMELY NOT NICE IS HAPPENING IN THAT PLACE?

OKAY THEN, I TAKE POINT.

I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW IT CAN POSSIBLY BE ANYTHING GOOD.



SOMETIMES BEING A GHOST ACTUALLY MANAGES TO HAVE AN UPSCIDE

QUIET TRUE, MR. SOLOMON.

FOR ONE THING, YOU'LL SOON HAVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF NEW ACQUAINTANCES.









YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO
YOU'RE DEALING WITH.
WOMAN

THANG
KING HANK!

FOR THAT
MATTER, YOU HAVE
LITTLE ENOUGH
CLUE WHO AND
WHAT YOU ARE
YOURSELF --
.. BUT I
KNOW ALL
ABOUT IT.

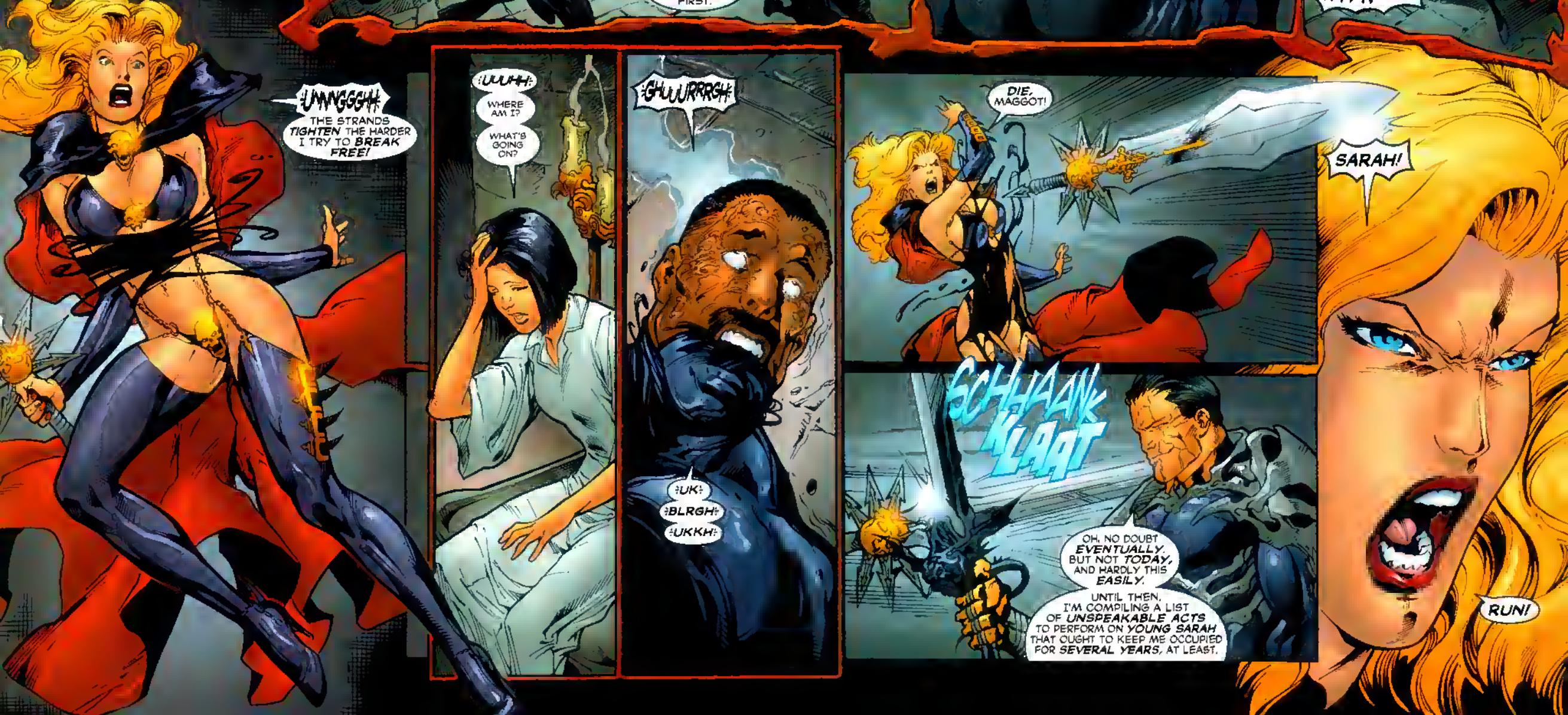
MAYBE
IF YOU BEG
REAL NICE,
I'LL DROP YOU
A HINT OR
TWO.

PHLAUGH!

I WOULDN'T
BEG YOU FOR
MY LIFE!

THANG
KING HANK!

AIN'T THAT
A SHAME.
THAT WAS
NEXT ON MY
LIST.









NO MATTER
HOW YOU TRY,
YOU CAN'T IMPOSE
ORDER ON SO MANY
VARIABLES.

ELMYETH!
IRGILL
ICKI!

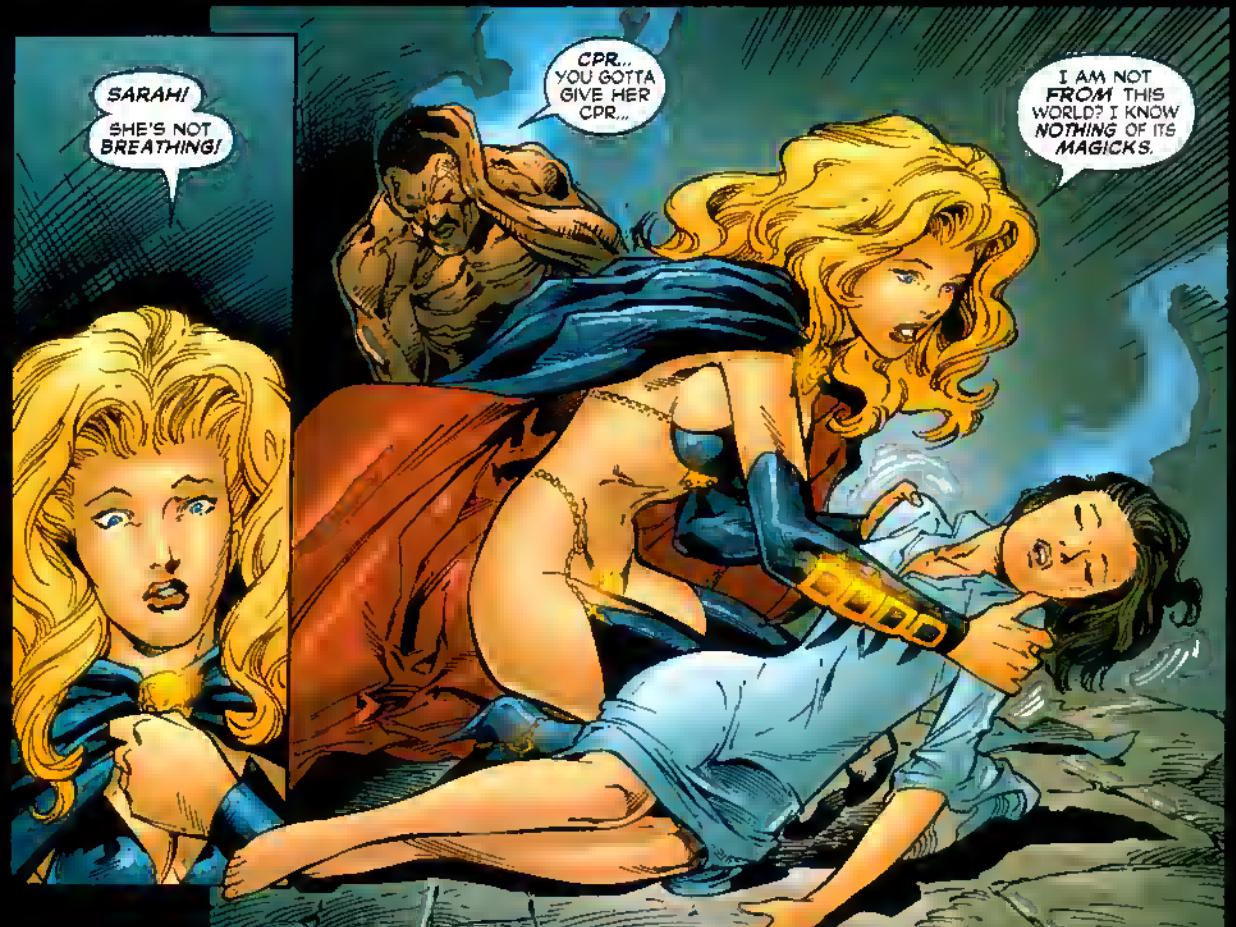
A COSMOS
DEPENDENT ON SO MANY
NONLINEAR DYNAMICS CAN'T
SURVIVE YOUR KIND OF
CONSTANTS! THE SUB-QUANTUM
UNCERTAINTY CANNOT BE
CONTROLLED!

SHUK
SHUK
SHUK

FACE THE
INEVITABLE,
REAPER! YOUR
FUTURE IS AT
AN END!

YOUR CREATURE
IS INCAPABLE OF
FATHOMING THE FORCES
AT WORK HERE, LET
ALONE STANDING
AGAINST US!





IS NOT MAGIC
AT LEAST NOT
THAT KIND

YOU HAVE TO
GET HER HEART
AND LUNGS
STARTED
AGAIN. I'LL
WALK YOU
THROUGH IT,
BUT WE HAVE
TO MOVE NOW.



SMACK HER HARD
OVER HER HEART AND
PUMP ON HER CHEST
WITH YOUR HANDS TO
GET THE BLOOD
CIRCULATING --

-1-
3-4-5
C'MON,
GIRL. DON'T
GIVE UP ON
US NOW...

-- NOW
YOU HAVE TO
BREATHE FOR
HER. INHALE,
THEN BLOW
INTO HER
MOUTH.
DON'T
FORGET,
YOU HAVE TO
PINCH HER
NOSTRILS
SHUT
FIRST!



SHORTLY...



PETER
DAVID
(SUPergirl, SPYBOY).

ED
BENES

WILL
PAGAN
STOP
VANDALA
FROM
BUILDING
A
NEW
SHINING
REALM?

Vandala
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From the Crypt

It's self-assessment time. The question I am asking myself is, how is the quality of our comics post-Armageddon? Purgatori: Love Bites sucked. To me it was an all-time low both, in story and art. We blew it. And the other stories? I'd appraise most of the year 2000 and first quarter 2001 as being sucky to average. We've had a few great ones, and I believe our licensed books (except the Mummy) have been quite good.

All that said, I want you to understand that I accept full responsibility for the books falling far below your expectations. I also accept that you guys may feel betrayed or we let you down or that we suck. I accept all of that. At the end of the day though, please understand we never did any of this on purpose or to hurt you. A way to think about this is like when your favorite football team who won last year, then had a rotten season the next.

So where does this leave us? Well, since we knew the books could stand improvement (but were already deep into production), I've made some changes. I've brought on new blood in the writing and art department like Joshua Dysart on Purgatori and Peter David on Vandala. I stand by all the "new visions" titles. We've put a lot of work into all of them. That includes Jade, LD:Alive, Sage, Purg: Hunted & Darkest Hour and Chastity: Shattered. - and beyond into the fall including Lady Death: Last Rites (written by new Lady Death writer John Ostrander, writer of my favorite series of the 90's The Spectre) and Dark Alliance.

Here is the future of the stories - much more focus, more driven, more suspenseful, more original, more inside the existing continuity. I am designing the master storyline for the next several years. I will return the characters to their essence. I can't change what other writer's or artist's have done, but I can clean it up moving forward. We will measure and improve the quality of the books (writing, pencils, colors). We will check & maintain the continuity of the books. Improve the writing dramatically.

In closing, I want you all to know I respect and admire your passion for Chaos! If you have experienced that we have disappointed or betrayed you, I apologize to you for that.

Though we are human and make mistakes (damn, I wish we were perfect), we will strive to improve and come back stronger than ever. Check our history, we tend to do that.

I welcome your feedback. Contact me at:
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Swom,



-Brian Pulido

EVIL ERNIE RETURNS!

All right, all right - while Brian planned for Evil Ernie to stay dead after he nuked out of this world at the end of War of the Dead, he's since learned that you just can't keep a good...uh, bad character down, and as a result, Evil Ernie will return to the Chaos! universe this October.

"In a word, it is because of fan demand," Pulido said. "I want to acknowledge that I said I would never bring back Evil Ernie and now here I am doing it. I nuked Evil Ernie and meant to keep him that way. I didn't want to bring him back the way other comic companies bring back dead characters, but something happened along the way."

As for the return itself? "I am out to write the most violent tale of my career," Pulido said. "If I am going to bring Evil Ernie back, I plan to do it in style. I have a long-standing reputation for writing over the top psychotic stories and I will throw my heart and soul in this one."

Appropriately enough, Evil Ernie Returns #1 is scheduled to ship on October 31st.

LADY DEATH GETS LAST RITES

So Lady Death is now one of the living, right? Maybe.

Coming in September, we'll be kicking off the final Lady Death mini-series of 2001, the four-part Lady Death: Last Rites. The mini-series will be the culmination of the year's storylines, and will ultimately answer the question: will Hope remain among the living, or will she return to her former role of the cold, remote goddess of Death that we've all

come to know and love. But wait - is it an "either or" question, or are there other possibilities?

Lady Death: Last Rites will also showcase some surprising new developments in Lady Death's powers - including some decidedly new supernatural powers that allow her to talk to the dead while in her human form, and to see supernatural presences. Is she gearing up for a Fox special of her own, or is something more sinister at work here? Make plans to join us in September to find out, Fiends!

EVIL ERNIE'S ASHCAN

So now you've heard the news - Evil Ernie is returning in October. Since we love, love, love to tease, keep an eye out for the Evil Ernie Returns ashcan coming in September. Fiends will be able to see a sneak peek of Jerry Becks' art, as well as get a hint of just what will be coming in the return of comics' #1 teen psychopath!

JOSHUA DYSART ON BAD KITTY: RELOADED

She's back in September! Thanks to wild support from Fiends worldwide, Bad Kitty will return in an all new, three-issue limited series with Joshua (Purgatori: The Hunted, Violent Messiahs) Dysart at the helm!

This time, Cat's in New York and on the run from the FBI, but she's not alone. Making an appearance straight out of her Shattered mini-series, Chastity shows up in the Big Apple as well, continuing her new role in the Chaos! Universe.

We caught up with Dysart to get his take on Kitty: "I see her as a very normal girl with this killing engine at

the heart of her," Joshua said. "She has an emotional switch and when that switch is clicked, you should probably jump the hell back because she's going to become an intensely violent thing. She's alone, betrayed, alienated, wanted by the FBI and heartbroken."

Joshua also said to expect a slight change in how she was cast for the first mini-series: "I'm going to put her in a maternal role. I'm also going to introduce something as my big final metaphor that I think people are going to dig...Nocturnes Labyrinths! That storytelling device will allow us to actually get a lot of Adriano Batista's imagery from the covers of the first series into the actual interior of the comic. I'm not going to tell you anymore about that though. I'm very excited."

CHAOS GOODS IN SEPTEMBER!

Looking for kick-ass Chaos! goodies in September? Keep your eyeballs peeled for the Lady Death Orb from Diamond Select and Eternal Toys, the Dark Alliance Series I repaints, and the Dark Alliance Series II Anti-paints, featuring Cremator, Lady Death, Vandala, and Oblivia!

MUSEUM KITTY AND CLOWNZ COMING

In September, you'll be able to get your mitts on two Museum Editions of hot Chaos books: Bad Kitty #1 and ICP: Upz and Downz of the Wicked Clownz. You know what these babies are - extremely high quality, killer-cool editions of recent and special comics - superior materials meet comics to produce some of the most amazing works of contemporary art you've ever seen. Working together with Jay Co., we're slowly releasing these killer cool collectible editions of

some of Chaos! hottest titles.

The Chaos! Museum runs will be strictly limited to 25 copies, each embossed and sealed, the perfect item for true Chaos! collectors.

CGC CHECKS OUT LADY DEATH

Also in September, we're proud to offer CGC graded editions of Lady Death: Between Heaven and Hell #1: The Velvet Edition. These books will be officially graded by CGC and slabbed in a protective case. It's a cool way to know what you got, and display a jewel in your Chaos! collection.

WORK FOR CHAOS!

Ever dreamed of working for Chaos? Seeing your pencils, inks, or colors grace the cover of the latest, greatest Lady Death, Purgatori, or Chastity epic? Now's your chance!

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